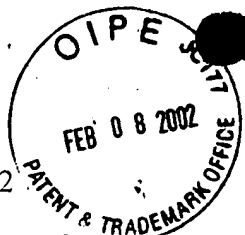


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 10, 2001**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 10, 2002.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until February 11, 2002 (February 10, 2002 being a Sunday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested.

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